

**List of Current Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 6 (Cancelled).

7. (New) A method for updating device descriptions for field devices in process automation technology, where a control unit and an external server are employed, comprising the step of:

downloading device descriptions for the field devices from the external server utilizing an application program in the control unit.

8. (New) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

the application program queries the server, in regular intervals, as to whether new device descriptions are available.

9. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

the device descriptions are device descriptions DDs.

10. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

preconfigured device descriptions are stored in the server.

11. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

the device descriptions in the server are saved in respective national languages.

12. (New) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

the control unit and the server are connected with one another via the Internet.